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SUBJECT: DAILY PRESS SUMMARY - JULY 26, 1977

TRANSMITTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION IS A SUMMARY OF SELECT  
NEWS STORIES APPEARING IN NATIONAL PRESS.

1. WASHINGTON POST (REUTER), JULY 25, "US DEPLORES BORDER  
CLASH, DOUBTS THAIS WILL ASK AID"

QUOTE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE WARREN CHRISTOPHER TODAY  
DEPLORED BORDER CLASHES BETWEEN THAILAND AND CAMBODIA, BUT  
SAID HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THAILAND WILL ASK WASHINGTON  
FOR ASSISTANCE.

"WERE WE ASKED FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE, OF COURSE WE WILL CON-  
SIDER IT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MANILA PACT AND. . . OUR  
CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES," HE TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE,  
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REFERRING TO THE 1954 COLLECTIVE DEFENSE TREATY OBLIGATING  
THE UNITED STATES TO AID THAILAND IN THE EVENT OF EXTERNAL  
AGGRESSION.

CHRISTOPHER SAID HE HOPES THAT THE TWO SIDES WOULD HAVE AN  
EARLY DIALOGUE TO PREVENT FRESH BORDER CLASHES SUCH AS  
OCCURRED LAST WEDNESDAY. SEV- (SIC) WHICH 17 THAI TROOPS  
AND AT LEAST 30 CAMBODIAN SOLDIERS WERE REPORTEDLY KILLED  
WHEN KHMER ROUGE FORCES ATTACKED THE DISPUTED BORDER  
VILLAGE OF BAN NOI PARAI.

A THAI MILITARY SPOKESMAN AT ARANYAPRATHET, 90 MILES EAST OF HERE, SAID SHELLING OF CAMBODIAN TROOPS ENTRENCHED IN BAN NOI PARAI CONTINUED TODAY.

THE KHMER ROUGE REPLIED WITH MOTARS, BUT THE SPOKESMAN SAID NO FRESH CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED ON EITHER SIDE AND IT APPEARED THAT THE ACTION WAS SUBSIDING.

CHRISTOPHER SPOKE TO REPORTERS AFTER TALKS WITH THAI PREMIER THANIN KRAIVCHIEN AND FOREIGN MINISTER UPADIT PACHARIYANGKUN.

THE DEPUTY SECRETARY SAID HE HAD TOLD THANIN THAT THE UNITED STATES DEPLORES THE CLASHES AND VERY MUCH REGRETS THE LOSS OF LIFE.

FOREIGN MINISTER UPADIT, INDICATING THE RESPONSE HE HAD GIVEN TO CHRISTOPHER'S EXPRESSED HOPES FOR A DIALOGUE WITH PHNOM PENH, TOLD REPORTERS THAT BANGKOK WANTS GOOD RELATIONS WITH ALL THREE COMMUNIST INDOCHINESE STATES, "BUT REGRETFULLY THERE HAS BEEN NO RESPONSE, PARTICULARLY FROM CAMBODIA."

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THAILAND TODAY SENT PROTEST NOTES ABOUT WEDNESDAY'S CLASH TO CAMBODIA THROUGH ITS BORDER LIAISON OFFICE AND EMBASSIES IN VIENTIANE AND PEKING. ANOTHER CLASH TOOK PLACE SATURDAY AT A BORDER POST IN NORTHEAST THAILAND WITH EIGHT PERSONS KILLED.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS ADDED FROM BANGKOK:) TWO COMMUNIST VIETNAMESE GUNBOATS ATTACKED THREE THAI FISHING BOATS IN THE GULF SIAM YESTERDAY, KILLING AS MANY AS 22 FISHERMEN AND CAPTURING ABOUT 20 OTHERS, A THAI FISHERY ASSOCIATION SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE ATTACK TOOK PLACE AS THE TRAWLERS FISHED IN VIETNAMESE TERRITORIAL WATERS NEAR POULO PANJANG ISLAND, ABOUT 80 MILES FROM THE VIETNAMESE COAST.

HE SAID THE GUNBOATS RAKED THE TRAWLER CHAIPICHITNAVY 9 WITH GUNFIRE, KILLING THREE FISHERMEN OUTRIGHT. HE SAID THE DAMAGED BOAT LATER SANK AND IT WAS FEARED THE REMAINING 19 CREWMEN DROWNED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ANOTHER TRAWLER, THE PHETPRASERTSAK 3, WAS CAPTURED, ALONG WITH ABOUT 20 CREWMEN, AND THE THIRD BOAT MANAGED TO ESCAPE AND RETURN TO PORT TO INFORM AUTHORITIES. END QUOTE

2. UPI, JULY 23, 1977

QUOTE U.S. DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE WARREN CHRISTOPHER SAID SATURDAY THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO RESUME AID TO INDIA AFTER A SIX YEAR HIATUS, AND SAID RELATIONS ARE ON THE VERGE OF BEING "CLOSE AND FRIENDLY".

"WE HAVE INDICATED THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO START DISCUSSIONS (ON ECONOMIC AID) WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA," SAID CHRISTOPHER, WHO ARRIVED IN THE INDIAN CAPITAL  
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SATURDAY MORNING FOR A ONE-DAY VISIT.

HE MET FOREIGN MINISTER ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE, FINANCE MINISTER H.M. PATEL AND OTHER OFFICIALS DURING HIS VISIT, THEN SAID INDO-U.S. RELATIONS ARE "ON THE VERGE OF BEING CLOSE AND FRIENDLY."

THE UNITED STATES CUT OFF ECONOMIC AID TO INDIA DURING THE 1971 WAR BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN OVER BANGLADESH, FORMERLY EAST PAKSITAN.

"DURING MY MEETING WITH PATEL, WE HAD INDICATED THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO START DISCUSSIONS WITH THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT. NO DEADLINE OR TIME HAS BEEN FIXED BY WHICH TIME INDIA SHOULD ASK FOR THE RESUMPTION," CHRISTOPHER SAID.

CHRISTOPHER IS THE FIRST RANKING U.S. OFFICIAL TO VISIT THE INDIAN CAPITAL SINCE PRIME MINISTER MORARJI DESAI TOOK OFFICE.

HE SAID CONGRESS HAD MADE AN APPROPRIATION FOR \$60 MILLION IN AID TO INDIA FOR FISCAL 1978 SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS.

CHRISTOPHER SAID PRESIDENT CARTER AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WERE VERY PLEASED THAT THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS HAD WORKED HERE AND "THE TIME IS RIPE TO ENHANCE LONG-STANDING RELATIONS WITH INDIA."

CHRISTOPHER SAID THE UNITED STATES ACCEPTS "AT FACE VALUE" DESAI'S RECENT STATEMENT IN PARLIAMENT THAT INDIA WILL NOT EXPLODE ANY MORE NUCLEAR BOMBS. CHRISTOPHER SAID IT WAS AN IMPORTANT STEP.  
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HE SAID WHEN HE AND VAJPAYEE DISCUSSED NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT CARTER'S NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY WAS NOT AIMED AT INDIA, BUT WAS UNIVERSALLY APPLICABLE.

ON THE SUBJECT OF FURTHER SUPPLY OF URANIUM FOR THE

TARAPUR NUCLEAR PLANT NEAR BOMBAY, CHRISTOPHER SAID  
STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS WILL VISIT INDIA NEXT WEEK  
TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE.

CHRISTOPHER IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE FOR BANGKOK SUNDAY.  
END QUOTE.

3. WASHINGTON POST, JULY 26, 1977, "LANCE DEALINGS  
SATISFY PANEL" BY GEORGE LARDNER, JR.

QUOTE BUDGET DIRECTOR BERT LANCE ASSURED THE SENATE  
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE YESTERDAY THAT THERE  
WAS NOTHING IMPROPER ABOUT THE \$3.4 MILLION LOAN HE  
GOT LAST JANUARY FROM THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF  
CHICAGO.

"IT WAS A STRAIGHTFORWARD, GOOD LOAN. . .NOTHING BUT A  
STRAIGHTFORWARD BUSINESS TRANSACTION," HE SAID.

THE COMMITTEE RESPONDED SYMPATHETICALLY TO LANCE'S  
TESTIMONY, CONFERRING ON HIM WHAT ONE MEMBER CALLED ITS  
"GOOD HOUSEKEEPING SEAL OF APPROVAL." COMMITTEE  
CHAIRMAN ABRAHAM RIBICOFF (D-CONN.), MEANWHILE, ACCUSED  
THE PRESS OF HAVING "SMEARED" THE FORMER ATLANTA BANKER...

....LANCE DESCRIBED THE LOAN AS COMPLETELY UNAFFECTED BY  
THE CORRESPONDENT BANKING RELATIONSHIP THAT HIS OWN  
INSTITUTION, THE NATIONAL BANK OF GEORGIA, HAD ESTABLISHED  
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WITH THE CHICAGO BANK A MONTH BEFORE HIS PERSONAL LOAN  
WENT THROUGH.

THE GEORGIA BANK OPENED A NON-INTEREST-BEARING ACCOUNT AT  
THE CHICAGO BANK WITH \$50,000 DEPOSIT LAST DEC. 8 AND  
LATER INCREASED IT TO AS MUCH AS \$337,000 AFTER HE  
BECAME BUDGET DIRECTOR. LANCE SAID THE DEPOSIT WERE  
MADE "WITH NO UNDERSTANDING OF A WUID PRO QUO."

A LONG-STANDING FRIEND AND CONFIDENT OF PRESIDENT CARTER,  
LANCE RESPONDED TO MANY QUESTIONS AT THE 2 AND ONE FOURTH  
HOUR HEARING WITH GENERALITIES AND PUT OFF OTHERS BY PRO-  
MISING TO SUPPLY DETAILS FOR THE RECORD, BUT COMMITTEE  
MEMBERS PRONOUNCED THEMSELVES COMPLETELY SATISFIED WITH  
WHAT THEY HEARD.

"THERE ISN'T A THING THAT HAS DEVELOPED THAT IMPUGNS YOUR  
CHARACTER, YOUR REPUTATION OR YOUR ABILITY," RIBICOFF  
TOLD HIM. HE SUGGESTED THAT "MAYBE WE SHOULD WRITE FINIS  
TO THE BUERT LANCE EXPERIENCE."

LANCE OBSERVED AT THE OUTSET THAT QUESTIONS HAD BEEN RAISED ABOUT A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES AFFECTING HIM INCLUDING TEAMSTERS PENSION FUNDS DEPOSITS AT THE NATIONAL BANK OF GEORGIA, OVERDRAFTS IN HIS 1974 CAMPAIGN FOR GOVERNOR OF GEORGIA, AND HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH ANOTHER CREDITOR, TENNESSEE BANKER JAKE BUTCHER.

"THE COMBINED EFFECT OF ALL OF THEM BEING RAISED AT ONE TIME HAS CERTAINLY CREATED A HAZE OF UNWARRANTED UNCERTAINTIES ABOUT ME," THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET TESTIFIED.

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RIBICOFF BLAMED THE PRESS. INVESTIGATIVE REPORTERS, HE PROTESTED, ARE TRYING TO "GET EVERYBODY -- THAT'S THE NAME OF THE GAME TODAY."

"YOU HAVE BEEN SMEARED FROM ONE END OF THE COUNTRY TO THE OTHER, IN MY OPINION UNJUSTLY," RIBICOFF TOLD LANCE. "WE CAN JUST IMAGINE WHAT THIS HAS DONE TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY". . . . .

4. WASHINGTON POST, JULY 26, "TINY ALBANIA KICKS OUT CHINESE"

QUOTE THE WORLD'S SMALLEST COMMUNIST COUNTRY, ALBANIA, HAS TOLD THE WORLD'S LARGEST COMMUNIST COUNTRY, CHINA, TO GET OUT.

AFTER 16 YEARS OF "UNBREAKABLE FRIENDSHIP," DURING WHICH IT RECEIVED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN CHINESE AID, THE ALBANIAN GOVERNMENT TOLD THE CHINESE EMBASSY IN TIRANA THAT THE CHINESE EXPERTS WORKING THERE SHOULD LEAVE AS SOON AS THEIR CONTRACTS EXPIRE, DIPLOMATIC SOURCES HERE SAY.

THE CHINESE ALREADY APPEAR TO BE LEAVING ALBANIA, EUROPE'S MOST ISOLATED COUNTRY. ONCE THOUGHT TO NUMBER MORE THAN 7,000, THEY ARE NOW BELIEVED BY OBSERVERS IN TIRANA, THE ALBANIAN CAPITAL, TO BE DOWN TO NOT MORE THAN 2,000 AND PERHAPS AS FEW AS 700. . . . .END QUOTE

5. WASHINGTON POST, JULY 26, "THE PRESIDENT'S MOVE ON RHODESIA"

QUOTE MR. CARTER TOOK A SIZEABLE AND PERHAPS UNNECESSARY RISK IN DECIDING, BARELY A DAY BEFORE THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON, TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF PERSONALLY WITH THE QUEST FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT  
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IN RHODESIA. PRESUMABLY THE PRESIDENT DECIDED TO RECEIVE DR. DAVID OWEN, AT A WHITE HOUSE MEETING THAT PHOTOGRAPHERS WERE INVITED TO MEMORIALIZE, TO DEMONSTRATE HIS COMMITMENT TO BLACK LIBERATION. BUT IT IS NOT READILY UNDERSTANDABLE WHY THIS NEEDS TO BE DEMONSTRATED RIGHT AT THIS MOMENT, WHEN THE SITUATION IN RHODESIA COULD HARDLY BE MORE PRECARIOUS AND THE ODDS ON THE PRESIDENT'S BEING ABLE TO INFLUENCE EVENTS CONSTRUCTIVELY COULD HARDLY BE LESS PROMISING; IT IS NOT, AFTER ALL, AS IF THE PRESIDENT AND HIS DESIGNATED "POINT MAN" FOR AFRICA, AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG, HAD NOT BEEN TRUMPETING THEIR COMMITMENT TO BLACK-MAJORITY RULE ON THE CONTINENT. IN THE MEANTIME, DIPLOMATS FAR MORE FAMILIAR WITH AFRICA THAN EITHER THE PRESIDENT OR MR. YOUNG HAVE BEEN -- AND STILL ARE, FOR THAT MATTER -- AT WORK ON THE PROBLEM. THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND IN RHODESIA IS BAD AND DISINTEGRATING. WHILE IT IS UNCLEAR WHAT THE PRESIDENT CAN ADD, WHAT HE CAN LOSE IS ALL TOO OBVIOUS. IT SEEMS A CURIOUS WAY TO SQUANDER THE MOST PRECIOUS OF ASSETS IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT -- PRESIDENTIAL ATTENTION AND PRESTIGE. . . . . END QUOTE.

6. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, JULY 26, "US, SOVIETS TRY TO SET STAGE FOR DETENTE TALKS" BY ERIC BOURNE.

QUOTE THE U.S. AND SOVIET GOVERNMENTS ARE REPORTED TO BE IN DIRECT CONTACT IN AN ENDEAVOR TO COMPLETE THIS WEEK THE PREPARATORY PHASE OF THE 35-NATION FALL CONFERENCE WHICH IS TO REVIEW COMPLIANCE WITH THE 1975 HELSINKI DECLARATION ON DETENTE IN EUROPE.

THE FIVE-WEEK-OLD MEETING ON PROCEDURES RESUMED IN BELGRADE JULY 25 WITH AGREEMENT STILL ELUSIVE ON ONE UNCLASSIFIED

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OF THE MAIN QUESTIONS.

THE RUSSIANS WERE HOLDING OUT FOR A SET DURATION (APPROXIMATELY THREE MONTHS) AND A DEFINITE DEC. 31 CLOSURE DATE FOR THE MAIN CONFERENCE.

THE WESTERN COUNTRIES, SUPPORTED BY ALMOST ALL THE NEUTRALS AND NONALIGNED NATIONS, WANTED A MORE FLEXIBLE TIMETABLE TO MAKE SURE THE CONFERENCE IS NOT CUT OFF BEFORE THERE HAS BEEN THOROUGH REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE UNDER THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT, ESPECIALLY, FOR EXAMPLE, OF ITS HUMANITARIAN PROVISIONS.

LAST WEEK, U.S. DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE WARREN

CHRISTOPHER, WHO WILL LEAD THE AMERICAN DELEGATION IN THE FALL, WAS IN BELGRADE FOR MEETINGS WITH LOCAL LEADERS ON YUGOSLAV-U.S. RELATIONS.

HE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONFER WITH THE CHIEF SOVIET DELEGATE, YULI VORONTSOV, OVER THE DELAY AT THE PREPARATORY MEETING.

LATER, OTHER DELEGATIONS CONFIRMED THAT THE TWO BIG POWERS WERE TRYING TOGETHER TO FIND A FORMULA THAT WOULD ALLOW THE 35 TO REACH AGREEMENT ON PROCEDURES BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH. MR. CHRISTOPHER SEEMED HOPEFUL AFTER THE MEETING WITH MR. VORONTSOV.

7. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, JULY 26, "MOSCOW TONES DOWN ITS CRITICISM OF CARTER: MEASURED REACTION TO CHARLESTON SPEECH MAY SIGNAL A SIGNIFICANT SHIFT TOWARD U.S." BY DAVID WILLIS.

QUOTE IN WHAT COULD TURN OUT TO BE A SIGNIFICANT SHIFT, THE SOVIET UNION HAS MODERATED THE TONE OF ITS LATEST CRITICISMS OF THE UNITED STATES ON DETENTE.  
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NOTICEABLY ABSENT FROM THE REACTION HERE TO THE MODERATE CALL FOR A GENUINE ACCOMMODATION WITH THE KREMLIN GIVEN BY PRESIDENT CARTER IN CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA; JULY 21, IS THE KIND OF SHRILL, PERSONAL CRITICISM OF MR. CARTER THAT HAS MARKED PREVIOUS STATEMENTS.

ONE WESTERN DIPLOMAT CALLS THE REACTION SO FAR MEASURED. THE PENTAGON, RATHER THAN THE PRESIDENT, IS SINGLED OUT FOR BLAME -- WHILE APPROVAL IS SHOWN FOR MR. CARTER'S BASIC APPROACH AND AGREEMENT EXPRESSED ON THE NEED FOR THE SUPERPOWERS TO WORK MORE CLOSELY TOGETHER.

THE BIG QUESTION NOW IS WHETHER MOSCOW WILL MAINTAIN THIS NEW TONE, WHICH IS SEEN AS AN IMPROVEMENT ON THE PREVIOUS PUBLIC LINE, OR RETURN TO ITS EARLIER SHRILLNESS.

WESTERN ANALYSIS ARE WATCHING WITH EXTREME CARE. MUCH IS AT STAKE, BOTH FOR THE SUPERPOWERS THEMSELVES AND FOR INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY IN GENERAL. . . .END QUOTE  
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